



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Norihisa FUKUTOMI, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/413,348

Group Art Unit: 3752

Confirmation No.: 1912

Examiner: C. Kim

Filed: October 06, 1999

For: FUEL INJECTION VALVE

#24/Y  
3/26/02  
N. Brewer

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

03/26/2002 09:13:00 00000000 09413348 05413348  
01 FC:102 04.00 CH  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

This Preliminary Amendment is for a RCE of Application No. 09/413,348 filed October 6, 1999 (CPA filed February 27, 2001).

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

The claims are amended as follows:

2. (Four-times Amended) The fuel injection valve according to claim 6, wherein said elastic member is provided between a sleeve and said core in order to form said buffer portion, said sleeve being disposed between a core and a valve holder of the solenoid, said elastic

**RECEIVED**

MAR 22 2002

TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700